

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Commission

Friday November 18, 2022

Present: Roxanne McCaffrey (RM), John Loiodice (JL), Patrick White (PW), Gary Kleinerman (GK) and Sally Underwood-Miller (SUM). Michael Nathan (MN) via ZOOM. Jim Wilusz via ZOOM

Absent: Mike Buffoni,

Present via ZOOM: Pat Kennelly (PK)

The meeting was called to order by Roxanne McCaffrey at 8:03 a.m.

- Review DRAFT of Lake and Watershed Management Plan (LMP)

RM stated that although 2 versions of the Draft LMP was posted as a meeting packet on the Town website, she received six missing summaries from GZA, incorporated them, sent them to all SBSC members but was unable to get the latest version with those summaries posted to the Town website.

RM stated that the Stockbridge Bowl Association has offered to work on the possibility of creating a Notice of Intent (NOI) at their expense to expand harvesting for more than the exiting 10 acre limit. PK confirmed the offer and said the draft NOI would be turned over to the Town for review and possible submission, stating this would be a Town NOI.

SUM opined that if the LMP mentions the Great Josh Billings Runaground, it should be mentioned that it is the oldest paddle triathlon in the world. RM asked if we draw international participants, SUM said yes, we get Canadian entries. These two changes were added to the Executive Summary wording. MN spoke to the economic importance of the Bowl to the region. He suggested that the economic value should be added. Verbiage to this effect was added.

Additional wording changes were reviewed in the Executive Summary.

PW had expressed concern about the role of climate change and has asked RM if a section could be added. The existing references to climate change were reviewed. RM stated she spoke with Steve Roy of GZA about adding a section about climate change and Mr. Roy agreed with RM that it was unnecessary and might detract from the plan. JL pointed out that we are monitoring the lake and have a baseline and are watching for climate change effects. RM stated that to get the draft approved and available to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) an addendum could be added in future to address climate change issues and concerns. PW added that he thought we could tie the verbiage in the body of the LMP to give it a "schtick" to climate change to help with climate change grant opportunities PW added that we should make it clear that the SBSC should improve the wetlands common compensatory mitigations as an offset for taking,, mentioning the snails of concern. MN responded that a year and a half ago, GZA addressed this by a generating a Net Benefit Plan, so although this is a good observation, it has already been addressed. It was agreed that the Net Benefit Plan should be added to the LMP data sources. SUM stated that we are already seeing and responding to climate change impacts – i.e. cyanobacteria outbreak, wooly adelgid, etc. PW suggested adding climate change verbiage to page 46, RM agreed to add when that page is reviewed.

Page 17 under data sources = Otter Environmental Services report 2022 – RM stated that PK had noticed a sentence was cut off – remainder of the report sentence was added. All data sources now have summaries.

Under Long Term Management Considerations verbiage was added to address climate change considerations. The Agricultural & Forestry Commission was noted in the LMP at the suggestion of SUM. Bullet points were added to highlight plans for the ecological health of the lake and watershed.

SUM mentioned that the Conservation Commission and the Agriculture and Forestry Commission to develop a strategy to address the impact on the ash and hemlock trees around the lake being affected by the encroachment of insect pests due to warming temperatures. This was added as a bullet point in the LMP Long Term Management section.

PW made a motion that the Fleetwood consultants retained by the Town review the LMP, RM second; unanimous vote to approve review by Fleetwood.

RM said the next scheduled meeting will be the first Friday in December – on the agenda will be public education and awareness. RM reminded everyone that previously it had been agreed that each member would submit their bullet points about topics of importance and the means to disseminate information to Jim Wilusz.

- Discussion of proposed weed harvesting
- Stakeholder updates
 - Board of Health – Jim Wilusz – no updates
 - Water Dept. – Mike Buffoni– no updates
 - Water and Sewer Commission – John Loiodice – no updates
 - Conservation Commission – Sally Underwood-Miller – no updates
 - Stockbridge Bowl Association – Michael Nathan – no updates
 - Select Board – Patrick White – no updates
 - Stockbridge Harbormaster – Gary Kleinerman – no zebra mussels in 2022.
 - Stockbridge Sportsman’s Club - Roxanne McCaffrey – no updates
- Public comment – none
- Meeting adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne McCaffrey

November 30, 2022